

ticket
to
write
the blue one

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U3E

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introduction

2018 produced 193 poems and demanded interesting new storage strategies for lots (and lots, and lots) of bus tickets. 42% of the *first* hundred appeared in the indigo book. Unfortunately, that was not the end of the matter, so here are the 42 I liked most from the *second* hundred (or so).

The first draft of each poem (written *almost always* on the ticket date and *usually* on the bus) appears on the left. A tidied-up version, with the punctuation and line breaks in the right places, misspellings corrected, and dodgy metaphors dodged, appears on the right. Irretrievable poems, of course, do not appear at all.

Nothing happens in a vacuum, and I am, as usual, immensely grateful for the help and advice and encouragement of some very awesome people. Some of the good turns of phrasing you will read were originally theirs. All of the bad ones were always mine.

Thanks, therefore, to:

- ♠ Mum, for enforcing at me the less flexible *Rules of Writing*, reading all the things (which I value, because there are a lot of things) and giving me her opinion (which I also value, especially when it is 'this is not good').
- ♠ Dad, for also reading the things when requested, for always being there when needed, whether requested or not, and for tolerating both poetry and peanut butter in perfectly ridiculous quantities.
- ♠ *Ner jate vod*, the inimitable indomitable artist, for drawing me owls and pirates and rocket-ships and calling me names and telling me to keep going when the going gets tough.
- ♠ And AJF, as usual: for refusing to lie to the government, for the title of a poem he hasn't read yet, and for all that is represented by letting me use the lathe.

and so, without further ado...
ladies and gentlemen ,
permit me to present you some poems.

Two More
Kinds of People
let us add another
to the plethora of
two-kinds-of-people jokes
that plague the interwebs.
I postulate
that people in general
under extreme stress
never to baseline
display the single
distilled emotion
that is most natural
(for them anyway).

Further (since I have ^{not} a truly sanguine personality)
that this distillate
takes two forms:
anger
arising from a person
who desires to change
what they do not like
& sadness
arising from a person
who desires to like
what they cannot change

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two more kinds of people

Let us add another
to the plethora of
two-kinds-of-people jokes
that plague the interwebs.

I postulate
that people in general
under extreme stress
revert to baseline
display the single
distilled emotion
that is most natural
to them.

Further (since I have never met
a truly sanguine person)
that this distillate
takes two forms:

anger
arising from a person
who desires to change
what they do not like
& sadness
arising from a person
who desires to like
what they cannot change.

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Chance Meeting

I did not think
to see you here -
one never does.

When opposite edges
of a carefully curated life
collide

it feels like a mistake
some cosmic joke, something
that cannot be.

(Although it is of course
far more than possible
perhaps even approaching
likely.)

How far must one go
to elude these odd elisions?
Even at Trafalgar
one might
finally make an old missed connection

chance meeting

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to see you here –
one never does.
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of a carefully curated life
collide
it feels like a mistake
some cosmic joke
something
that cannot be.
(Although it is of course
more than possible
perhaps even approaching
likely)
How far must one go
to elude these odd elisions?
Even at Tralfamadore
one might
finally make
an old missed connection.

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Secrets are to be
carried to a quiet place

I lied earlier you know.

There is
always was

plenty to say.

Problem:

there are hostages

I am not yet willing

to let fall

into the hands of Fate.

There are people who matter

to people who matter to me

so I will not say

yet

what I think of them.

There are stories

I do not yet

have words to tell to myself

much less you.

A thought:

when one falls

abruptly silent

has one nothing to say

or too much?

secrets are to be carried to a quiet place

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There is

always was

plenty to say.

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have the words to tell myself

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A thought:

when one falls

abruptly silent

has one nothing to say

or too much?

Twelve

I cannot hear
your subtle sarcasm.

Your darting jokes
swift & elusive
as summer swallows overhead

I will notice, notice, notice
until it hurts because

I cannot turn off the world.

Comment on observations?
only rarely—
that is what

the people do
& I copy the people
by noticing

Day 8189: so far
they suspect nothing
so far
so good.

I also cannot see
your lies.

I do not think
unless I pause
& consciously ask
"are you being as upfront with me
as I with you?"
All the subtlety of a 12-year old.
In that way I suppose it is
a slight disability.

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twelve

I cannot hear
your subtle sarcasm.
Your darting jokes
swift & elusive
as summer swallows overhead.
I will notice, notice, notice
until it hurts
because
I cannot turn off the world.
Comment on observations...
only rarely –
that is what
the people do
& I copy the people
by noticing.
Day 8195: so far
they suspect nothing
so far
so good.
I also cannot see
your lies.
They do not
occur to me
unless I pause
& consciously ask
'are you being as honest with me
as I with you?'
All the subtlety
of a twelve-year-old.
In that way I suppose it is
a slight disability.

Don't Tell Me

You understand
when you don't.

It's okay
when it's really not or
you don't even know.

You'll be there
do that
when you don't
even plan to.

It's like that
for everyone
when even I know
the only thing the same
for everyone
is that everyone
has a different.

I can't do it
when you haven't
let me try.

Basically,
lies.

If you sacrifice the truth
on the altar of feelings
often enough
someday you will stand alone
staring at cold ashes
& your god will not answer.

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Route 13

Driver: 11517

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To \$1.00:24

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don't tell me

You understand –
when you don't.

It's okay –
when it's really not or
you don't even know.

You'll be there,
do that –
when you don't
plan to.

It's like that
for everyone –
when even I know
the only thing the same
for everyone
is that everyone
has it different.

I can't do it –
when you haven't
let me try.

Basically
lies.

If you sacrifice the truth
on the altar of feelings
often enough
someday you will stand alone
staring at cold ashes
& your god will not answer.

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Route 17

Driver: 10386

Ticket: 5945

Fare: **UNI SV** \$1.70

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To Stop:19

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Credit Left: \$13.50

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Reactionary

They say I am shaped
by the people around me
That I become
like them

in diverse subtle ways.

Answer me this:
If I regard you
with a high regard
& see your faults
& love you

for & despite them
& say to myself

I will not be
that person
then

do you shape me?
or do I shape me?

& am I made
or unmade

in the likeness
& in the company
of my companions?
What does it mean
to be authentic?

reactionary

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by the people around me.
That I become
like them
in divers subtle ways.
Answer me this:
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& see your faults
& love you
for & despite them
& say to myself
'I will not be
that person'
then
do you shape me?
or do I shape me?
& am I made
or unmade
in the likeness
& in the company
of my companions?

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Circumstantial

And once in a while
 you wonder
 if one or two
 small things
 were ever so slightly
 different
 around about now & then
 what would happen?
 let's not
 assassinate Hitler
 or un-assassinate Kennedy
 let's just
 change a phone number
 so it's slightly
 less memorable
 make a color of tape
 out of stock one day
 move an experimentalist
 from one lab to another
 & see
 as time shifts
 & vitally important
 chance meetings
 never occur
 what miracles & disasters
 would never be traced back
 to their ultimate cause?

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as time shifts
& vitally important
chance meetings
never occur
what miracles & disasters
would never be traced back
to their ultimate cause?

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Route 52A

Driver: 11754

Ticket: 9566

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop: 8

To Stop: 9

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$16.50

Time: 07:16

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See Dr. No. ch. XVII
for explanation of TKI

The Animal Reserve of Strength
is shallower than it looks

At what point do you say
this is not
tired

this is
exhausted
there is no more

I am done,

solve your own
damn' crystal?

Do you stop to rest
at tired?

at 'exhausted'
or never?

How long
can you eke out

this precarious
getting-by?

How long
will your battery let you
charge 12% each night
use 13% each day

How long
before you run afoul of
the ~~laws~~ laws of thermodynamics

*the animal reserve of strength
is shallower than it looks**

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exhausted
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before you run afoul of
the laws of thermodynamics?

* See *Dr. No* chapter XVII for explanation of title.

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Driver: 11655

Ticket: 3633

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop: 22

To Stop: 23

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$13.10

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Getting to know the knots

And as we go on
 I learn
 the hard things
 the things
 you do not want said
 I do not want said
 the quicksand
 where we will lose hours
 & say nothing of substance
 in five volumes,
 the mountains
 where we will lose hours
 condensing the substance
 of a small quasar
 into a paragraph,
 the open fields
 of reasonable
 rate-of-conversation,
 & I slowly find the map.
 It sounds so odd
 a map of a people
 a map of
 the space between us
 but armed with a map
 you can go to
 the dark places
 & still find your way back

getting to know the terrain

And as we go on
I learn
the hard things
the things
you do not want said
I do not want said,
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in five volumes,
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condensing the substance of a small quasar
into a paragraph,
the open fields
of reasonable rate-of-conversation
& I find the map.
It sounds so odd
a map of a people
a map of
the space between us
but armed with a map
one can go to
the dark places
& still find one's way home.

Keep Iki for Inspector

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Driver: 10170

Ticket: 11409

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop: 27

To Stop: 28

Card: 242802

Credit Left: \$4.30

Time: 16:39

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What is the Assurance
 of Things Seen?

record scratch.

freeze frame. Yeah, that's me

You're probably wondering
 how I got here.

To be quite honest
 so am I.

All the things I

always wanted

always dreaded

hover within reach

like thoughts

on the tip of the tongue

half-understood

refusing

to condense into words.

Look around.

How did you get here?

We walk slowly

stop

leaping off walls or

flights of stairs

as adults

To lessen the risk

of knocking ourselves

awake

& into a world

that makes different sense.

what is the assurance of things seen?

record scratch

freeze frame

Yeah, that's me.

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always wanted
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Route 9B

Driver: 11728

Ticket: 1994

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop: 11

To Stop: 10

Card: 242802

Credit Left: \$2.60

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Indispensable

If you care enough
if this matters
enough
you will make it happen.

No gear?
make gear
No pattern because
nobody's been crazy enough
for long enough
to do this before?
make pattern
in newsprint
on whiteboards
tweak here & there
until it works.

No expertise?
why not
learn a whole field
from the ground up
& while you're about it
why not

find things
nobody ever expected to see
What do you want?
What do you need?
Can you make do
without half of that
& will you manage to finish
before you discover it was impos-

indispensable

If you care enough
if this *matters*
enough
you will make it happen.
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Make gear.
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why not
find things
nobody ever expected to see?
What do you want?
What do you need?
Can you make do
without half of that
& will you manage to finish
before you discover
it was impossible?

Keep TKT for Inspector

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Route 2B

Driver: 11664

Ticket: 16487

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop:32

To Stop:31

Card: 242802

Credit Left: \$0.90

Time: 18:33

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List 2

Things to do

Things to get

Things done

learned

to revise

to discuss

to research

Things I like

Things I don't

Reading list

Playlist

watchlist -

Prioritized by

alphabet

datestamp

(due or completed)

order thought of -

References

Samples

methods

colors of frozen Panda

chaotic things that don't
fit on a list.

list²

Things to do
Things to get
Things done
learned
to revise
to discuss
to research
Things I like
Things I don't
playlist
watchlist
Prioritized by
alphabet
datestamp
(due or completed)
order thought of –
References
samples
methods
colors of frozen Fanta
chaotic things that don't
fit on a list.

Impetus

It doesn't take much
to kick you into gear now -
a comment tossed sideways
over the shoulder -
a cup of coffee
shudderingly bitter -
a mysterious box -
pity
for an abandoned
piece of equipment
so you reshape your work
to unbandon it.
& so you go
tossed about
by
mercurial winds of change
here a current
there a reef
now a hurricane
& the chant of
your circumnavigation
of knowledge
from nothing, to everything,
safe home to a very little
tacks wildly & stops off twice
at stuff this

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Route 9B

Driver: 11718

Ticket: 19474

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop: 11

To Stop: 10

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$9.70

Time: 07:02

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impetus

It doesn't take much
to kick you into gear now –
a comment tossed sideways
over the shoulder –
a cup of coffee
shudderingly bitter –
a mysterious box –
pity
for an abandoned
piece of equipment
so you reshape your work
to unbandon it.
& so you go
tossed about
by
mercurial winds of chance
here a current
there a reef
now a hurricane
& the chart of
your circumnavigation
of knowledge
from nothing
to everything
safe home to 'a very little'
tacks wildly
& stops off twice
at 'Stuff This'.



Route 2

Driver: 10485

Ticket: 564

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop:19

To Stop:18

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$8.00

Time: 19:01

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Vox Dei, or
The ists & the isms
You say you are all reading
the same book
& so I must wonder:
was it written
on psychic paper
so you only read there
the words you expect to?
You must hate yourself
an awful lot
to justify hating others
this much.
& I long for
the apocalypse
if only to hear
the divine 'SHUT UP'
& at long last
something
anything
incontrovertible.
I may be wrong -
but so might you - & yet
you cheat/throw sand
to make me blink first.
There is something
deeply dysfunctional
about your family
when the enemy
loves you more
than your own brother does

*vox dei, or
theists and the isms*

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the same book
& so I must wonder:
was it written
on psychic paper
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incontrovertible.
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you cheat
throw sand
to make me blink first.
There is something
deeply dysfunctional
about your family
when 'the enemy'
loves you more
than your own brother does.

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Sharp

The cool, crisp satisfaction
of being
the unexpected
of causing doubt
nobody can
really complain about
because while they say
'you shouldn't
look like that'
one is perfectly complying
with the rules
of the game
& it tastes like
a measure of revenge
on a persistently
flagrantly
surprising world.

sharp

The cool, crisp satisfaction
of *being*
the unexpected
of causing doubletakes
nobody can
really complain about
because while they say
'you shouldn't
look like that'
one is
perfectly complying
with the rules of the game
& it tastes like
a measure of revenge
on a persistently
flagrantly
surprising world.

*

* Being a woman, wearing a suit, on the bus, on an ordinary Friday morning.

Keep It! For Inspector



The Brain's Grey Matter Looks Like Spaghetti

The words coil out onto the page scooped from the mind & twirled briefly around the pen like spaghetti around a fork.

This must be done delicately starting from the edges picking at whatever strands expose themselves to view

because if you stab straight into the squishy warm wet tangled sicein of brain at the center you will get a squelch noise & then far too much all at once you can't carry that much I can't give you that and just start at the edges the edges are cool...

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Driver: 10634
Ticket: 3387
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Card: 145045
Credit Left: \$17.80
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& twirled briefly
around the pen.
This must be done
delicately
starting from the edges
picking at
whatever strands
expose themselves
to view
because if you stab
right into the squishy
warm wet tangled
skein of brain
at the center
you will get
a *sqelch* noise
& then far too much
all at once –
you can't carry that much.
I can't give you that much.
Just start at the edges.
The edges are cool.

Taking the dog for a run
 & there is
 nothing you can
 do about it
 because
 it's not your department
 or it's not your problem
 or you're on
 the other side
 of the world
 & yet
 the dog doesn't know that
 & the dog will chase you
 until what woke it
 has gone away.
 So you stay busy
 keep running
 try to outrun
 the dog
 until the crisis ends
 & it falls asleep again.
 Anything will do.
 If the dog is satisfied
 that you are Doing A Thing
 & not looking back at him
 he will let you keep running.

Keep TKT for Inspector

BUSIT!

Route 9B

Driver: 11712

Ticket: 15726

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop: 1

To Stop: 1

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$16.10

Time: 07:03

10 Sep 18

** Transfer Expires **

08:03 AM

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Keep Iki for Inspector

BUSIT!

Route 2

Driver: 11639

Ticket: 204

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop: 30

To Stop: 29

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$11.00

Time: 19:01

11 Sep 18

** Transfer Expires **

8:01 PM

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Defense for Cromwell

It's not boasting
 if it's true, so
 is it ambition
 if it's realistic?

When the pendulum drops
 from

'I can't do this'
 after however long it takes
 does it swing

straight to the opposite lie
 or does it pause

for a moment

or forever
 at balance?

If you aim for the stars
 will you hit London?

Or the moon?

or the edge

of the universe?

How many times

can ~~you~~ you do

backflips into the deep
 without drowning?

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of the universe?
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can you do
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without drowning?

* See *Henry VIII*, 3/2/2354-2356, for explanation of title.

BUSIT!

Route 13A

Driver: 11504

Ticket: 72

Fare: **UNI SV** \$1.70

From Stop:1

To Stop:2

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$7.60

Time: 16:39

13 Sep 18

**** Transfer Expires ****

5:39 PM

- * Free transfer trip *
- * within city boundary *
- * boarded before expiry *
- * **NOT TRANSFERABLE** *

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What is the Opposite
of Claustrophobia?

Love of small dark
enclosed spaces -
because intellectually
you understand
the phobia -
fear of being trapped
perhaps -

but somewhere deeper
below the calmly
academic
nod-smiled-adjust-glasses
level

you think they are
completely insane.

Because tucked
into corners
on cupboards
on a curtained window seat
or under a lab bench
with your back to
something solid
& all the edges only
a flutter of the fingers away
there is not room
for many surprises
in a small space.

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Keep 1K1 for Inspector

BUSIT!

Route 9B

Driver: 10702

Ticket: 2802

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop: 11

To Stop: 5

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$2.50

Time: 07:01

17 Sep 18

** Transfer Expires **

08:01 AM

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Dear Prudence

It is difficult,
this giving up
this asking
of questions
for help, advice.

Admitting that
you don't really know
anymore

or after all
what you're doing.

Perhaps you never did.

So you pack up
all the things
that made this what it is
made you what you are
discover it will not fit
in one letter

discover you really want
Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency
jam as much as possible
in any way
& send it off

to join a large family
of anonymous pressing problems
turned into academic problems
for the amusement of the readers

dear prudence

It is difficult
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Dog's Incaninity To Man

Thou art
an amiable soul
o dog.
Thou sittest at the door
knockest not
whingest occasionally
waiting to be seen
let in
& fed biscuits. Or anything
Thou art undemanding
seeking only
food water bed walkies
& undivided attention
at all times.
Thou findest sad people
& comfort them
by repeated nudging ^{with thy} wet nose
to remind thy problems
are worse -
thou art not being paid.
Thou art exceptionally vocal
for thy dumb people
do not speak smell.
Thou sheddest love
like hair -
that is, prodigally.
& thou art like the PARDB
always where they feel best
the world needs thee most.
Dog, more!

BUSIT!

Route 9B

Driver: 11706

Ticket: 1738

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop: 11

To Stop: 10

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$19.10

Time: 07:03

18 Sep 18

** Transfer Expires **

08:03 AM

* Free transfer trip
* within city boundary
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do not speak Smell.
Thou sheddest love
like hair –
that is, prodigally.
& thou art like the TARDIS –
always where thou feelest
the world needs thee most.
Dog, *move!*



Route 2BA

Driver: 11639

Ticket: 3927

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop: 1

To Stop: 2

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$17.40

Time: 19:01

18 Sep 18

** Transfer Expires **

8:01 PM

* Free transfer trip *
* within city boundary *
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Whose Keys Are These?

The sign-in sheet
is passed around. Some
absent-minded professor
leaves their keys on it.

Ripple of shrugs.
We will all
avoid making waves -
too terribly pertinent
when we are all
politely listening
to inexplicable explanation
of waves that aren't
& particles that aren't -
& the keys

wander sedately
around the room.

In this room -
a beaker
almost saturated
with general brilliance -
no solution falls out.

The keys rattle
now & then.

The lecturer talks on.

Quantum mechanics

is easier
than appropriate human social
behavior.

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BUSIT!

Route 9B

Driver: 11728

Ticket: 12853

Fare: **UNI SV** \$1.70

From Stop: 25

To Stop: 24

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$12.30

Time: 07:00

21 Sep 18

** Transfer Expires **

08:00 AM

* Free transfer trip
* within city boundary
* boarded before expiry
* NOT TRANSFERABLE *

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I Waited Too Long
Between Emotional spring-
& everything is cleanings
running too fast &
maybe it's the caffeine &
maybe it's just
headphones on the bus
breaks the connection
ungrounds you &
maybe it's not
maybe things are running
too fast too crowded
outside my head as well
or maybe I am just
completely friggin' insane &
I can feel myself
talking too fast &
spiralling completely
out of control
always falling faster
no terminal velocity here
we're too far out for that &
it's like running
down the down escalator
at a Tube station & it
goes on forever &
you can't stop
can't even not go back &
if you trip or slip or
miss a foot the edges
of the steps will rip
your face off
& every day's telling you to stop
you can't. Stop.

*i waited too long between
emotional spring-cleanings
& everything is
running too fast &
maybe it's the caffeine &
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if you trip or slip or
miss a foot the edges
of the steps will rip
your face off
& everyone is telling you to stop &
you Can't Stop*

BUSIT!

Route 9B

Driver: 11697

Ticket: 1795

Fare: CH SGL SV \$1.70

From Stop: 11

To Stop: 10

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$8.90

Time: 07:01

24 Sep 18

** Transfer Expires **

08:01 AM

* Free Transfer Limit *
* within City Boundary *
* Boarded before expiry *
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Donning anew
the cloak of Monday
in the falling green
is back again
cold & dark & heavy
pulling at your sleeves
like half a memory
of something you
said a long time ago
& only now begins to wonder
if you should have,
or something you
set down... somewhere
& forgot to pick up again.
The churning panic of
having more to do
than you remember
so even when
you remember
you're still
one tight coiled spring
from tonsils to belt
always trying to loosen
always being
rebound to breaking point
by the rolling of the mind.

donning anew the cloak of monday

& the fallingness
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BUSIT!

*** Not a Valid ***

*** Ticket ***

Driver 10337

Module 601885

Time 07:02

Date Mon, 01 Oct 18

SmartCard Updated

Card:145045

Value Added: \$20.00

Card Cash Is: \$20.40

*** Not a Valid ***

785-555-0179 (Call Me)

We don't see
each other for years -
occasional
disembodied voice
garbled by voicemail -
a line of text
here & there -
do not count
are not connection as such
not like
being in the room
maybe each minding
own business
maybe not talking but
hearing you breathe
watching each new thought
flit like sunlight across your face
talking in realtime
would be enough.
I miss you. call me.

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I miss you.
Call me.

Keep TKT for Inspection.

BUSIT!

Route 2

Driver: 11758

Ticket: 23367

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop: 9

To Stop: 8

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$17.00

Time: 19:02

01 Oct 18

** Transfer Expires **

8:02 PM

* Free Transfer trip *
* within city boundary *
* boarded before expiry *
** NOT TRANSFERABLE **

0800 4 BUSLINE

0800 4 2875463

Davenu

& for today
it is enough

that the sun shone
that the rain
passed over

& that the flames flew oddly
& tossed sparks like glitter
& looked as if they were made
on a computer somewhere
to be bedgedly
copypasted onto the bricks.

It is enough
for today

that it started well
& to daydream & plan

'maybe, someday, more.'

Ambition

is grimly aware

that for today

this is all she gets.

Enough.

& so she grows quietly
for more

but does not bite

the hand that feeds her / yet

& I can drown out

'what is this this is not good enough'

with 'for today. For today, it is.'

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'for today. For today, it is.'

Chest Freezer

It lives
a subtle beast
huddled purring in the corner
of garage

or workshop-shed
or overlarge
colonial-era
laundry of many doors
illogically warm
to sit against
pressed into the corner
of wall & floor
& read a book.

It should be filled haphazardly
with cryptically - or
un-labeled bags & boxes
& ice-cream containers
long refilled with not-ice-cream
that you have to
unentomb from the depths
& knock, brush ice off
like an archaeological find.
It need not be deep as a grave-
enough for a child
to reach Captain America in the ice
by balancing - hips on edge,
one foot on toolbox, other free,
hands busy digging, scraping,
lips praying the lid does not fall -
this will serve.

Keep IKT For Inspector

BUSIT!

Route 2B

Driver: 11672

Ticket: 6067

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop: 35

To Stop: 34

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$13.60

Time: 20:01

02 Oct 18

Transfer Expires

9:01 PM

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• TRANSFER TO TRANSFER
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Route 9B

Driver: 11748

Ticket: 566

Fare: Adult Sgl \$3.30

From Stop:25

To Stop:24

Time: 07:01

04 Oct 18

* Transfer Expires *

08:01 AM

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Daydream - Origami Pirate

Come & sail away with me
we will leave behind
the grey skies
& the cold rain

that nobody asked for
& the people
who are like cold rain
on a parade

& sail to Tahiti & Hawaii
or go find Atlantis.
we will bring along
a gormless dragon
& a host of tiny souls
& stop

at every friendly port
for paper

exotic pigments
almond cakes

& to paint the sunset
in words
or oils

or watercolors

so we can bring
the world at its most beautiful
with us on the cabin walls.
We will watch the stars
through a brass telescope
& follow them safe home
to somewhere we can belong.
I'll weigh anchor at dawn
#sailcare

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if you'll come.

Keep TKT For Inspector

BUSIT!

Route 2

Driver: 11593

Ticket: 1108

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop:30

To Stop:29

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$5.10

Time: 19:58

08 Oct 18

** Transfer Expires **

8:58 PM

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Problematic:
Unwanted Emotions
& sometimes
I look at the things
my mind dredges up
for my consideration
& have to say
'What the heck is this?
Who even care you?'
I do not recognize
myself
in this trailer-haul
but apparently
it is mine anyway
& the forensic investigation
begins
sifting through the mud
throwing out the
indiscriminately-targeted
haphazard
love
& violence
& ambition
& fear
& keeping only that salvage
I actually want to feel.

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& violence

& ambition

& fear

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BUSIT!**Route 17**

Driver: 11647

Ticket: 959

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop: 24

To Stop: 23

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$3.40

Time: 16:28

10 Oct 18

** Transfer Expires **

5:28 PM

* Free Transfer Help *

* within city boundary *

* boarded before expiry *

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What is the way?An open-eyed man
is falling into the well.In that moment
the moment of
overbalancewhen the way is fixed
the fall inevitable -how he got there
(stumbled absentminded,
pushed insat on the edge & unbalanced
maybe to find out what's there
does not matter

& what he will find
at the bottom of the well
water
mud
stones

a tunnel to Wonderland
a new planet
does not matter -

'falling into'
flying

is what it is

& is what you make it

what is the way?

An open-eyed man
is falling into the well.
In that moment
the moment of
overbalance
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the fall inevitable –
how he got there
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'Falling into'
flying
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& what you make it.

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Keep IKT for Inspector

BUSIT!

*** Not a Valid ***

*** Ticket ***

Driver 10348

Module 525000

Time 16:25

Date Thu, 11 Oct 18

SmartCard Updated

Card:145045

Value Added: \$20.00

Card Cash Is: \$20.00

*** Not a Valid ***

*** Travel Ticket ***

Nada
the nadir
the end of
all the things.
When there is nothing
you can do
nothing
anyone can do
credit balance
0.00
you finally see
the abyss
the vacuum
the terrifying empty depth
of things that are not
like an old, cold well
with a handful of
the glitter of all that is
flung across the surface.
~~the glitter of all that is~~

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Keep TKT for Inspector

BUSIT!**Route 9B**

Driver: 11609

Ticket: 7

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop: 25

To Stop: 24

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$1.70

Time: 06:59

11 Oct 18

** Transfer Expires **

07:59 AM

* Free transfer trip *
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Ghosts of the Living

& that is
 what you are doing
 what I am doing
 whether we know it or
 mean to or
 not
 isn't it?

Filling up
 all the empty spaces
 waiting places
 rooms crowded with the buzz of
 strangers' faces
 with the ghost of
 your shadow on the wall
 an echo of your voice
 so that when you are gone
 however
 whenever
 whenever you go
 you will haunt me forever
 in firelight
 & paper dragons,
 & I will
 taste your name in my mouth
 & almost call
 a host of faceless strangers by it
 many times.

ghosts of the living

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BUSIT!

for Enyo
Route 9B

Driver: 11726

Ticket: 22583

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop: 25

To Stop: 24

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$8.10

Time: 07:00

12 Nov 18

** Transfer Expires **

08:00 AM

* Free transfer trip *
* within city boundary *
* boarded before expiry *
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They Also Serve

Stand there.

Just stand. Do no more, for
no more needs to be done.

It may be

you will stand

for a hundred days

then speak one vital word
& return to silence.

But for your vigil,

that word

would remain unsaid.

It may be

you will stand

& that will be

the whole of your work:

the first lesson

in the melee

is this -

as long as you stand

perhaps forever unmoving

but forever ready to move

it is that tiny bit harder

for evil to advance.

Sometimes a tiny bit

is all it takes.

& so be patient, for
they also serve who only stand
& wait.

*they also serve**

Stand there.

Just stand. Do no more, for
no more needs to be done.

It may be

you will stand

for a hundred days

then speak one vital word

& return to silence.

But for your vigil,

that word

would remain unsaid.

It may be

you will stand

& that will be

the whole of your work:

the first lesson

in the melee

is this:

as long as you stand

perhaps forever unmoving

but forever ready to move

it is that tiny bit harder

for evil to advance.

Sometimes a tiny bit

is all it takes.

& so be patient, for

they also serve

who only stand

& wait.

* For Enzo, because retail is terribly boring.

Do not judge a book
by its movie

In so full & busy a world
you cannot avoid
new people
the need for
classification
snap judgements -
what manner
of man is this?
You never really get to know
a single person -
always two:
your new acquaintance
&
the person you become
because of them.
& yet you judge
the former
solid, permanent,
infinitely-complex &
on fire of itself
by the latter
a shadowy member of
the ephemera we call mod-
Z-D-flat
& flawed
as all human perception must be
& so, unfair but unavoidable
you assay people against
the impression they leave on you

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Route 2

Driver: 11580

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Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop: 18

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Credit Left: \$6.40

Time: 19:00

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Route 9B

Driver: 11726

Ticket: 10988

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop: 10

To Stop: 9

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$4.70

Time: 07:23

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Time Machine

A common trope:

How bad an idea can it be
if no future version
of yourself

returns to
slap you upside the head
saying 'don't do that.'

I tried it & it sucks?

This glass time machine
does not unlock.

Your future self
returns

at will & often

especially to

the crucial moments

to stand & watch

perhaps with satisfaction
perhaps

to beat futilely

against the door

to scream

at someone she used to be
used to recognize in the mirror.

'No, don't do that!'

to go, as ever, unseen, unheard
& retreat from the time machine
that is memory.

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Red

Is the color of
all the warning flags
I am ignoring
(shutting eyes
putting hands on ears
singing la-la-la
loudly ignoring)
because
I am beginning to understand
what the grownups mean
by 'I love you'
of things
I am supposed to notice
of a world screaming
for attention -
bricks
thrown down on a scale
already saturated
with pebbles,
of the book where
Peter Pan
& with him all
the cruelty & optimism of
the childhood he represents
died.

of wrong, wrong, wrong,
& both wonder why
I don't like

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Route 2A

Driver: 11663

Ticket: 1783

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop:1

To Stop:2

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$3.00

Time: 07:44

19 Nov 18

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I don't like red.

Bad day

When the bad days come
because of course
they will
they always do -
& the clouds burst
& all you can see is
a torrential downpour of awful
none of the right things
are here
none of what is here
is working properly
& none of the people who fix things
are contactable -
at such times
you must remember
that the clouds parting
& the heavens opening
are the same thing
from different angles;
like getting caught in a downpour
vs. going out to dance in the rain.
Learn to say
'yes. This is a bad day' & then
go with it.
Because bad days happen.
Because nothing (& nobody)
is always perfect.
Because all days end
& this too shall pass.

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Route 2B

Driver: 11760

Ticket: 21341

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop: 34

To Stop: 33

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$1.30

Time: 18:12

19 Nov 18

** Transfer Expires **

7:12 PM

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bad day

When the bad days come
because of course
they will
they always do –
& the clouds burst
& all you can see is
a torrential downpour of *awful* –
none of the right things
are here
none of what is here
is working properly
& none of the people who fix things
are answering the phone –
at such times
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that the clouds parting
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*** Not a Valid ***

*** Ticket ***

Driver 11603

Module 531871

Time 07:13

Date Thu, 22 Nov 18

SmartCard Updated

Card:145045

Value Added: \$20.00


Card Cash Is: \$21.30

*** Not a Valid ***

*** Travel Ticket ***

Click

& here I stand -
mind racing, still
half-listening
to the heartbeat
of the city:

thump-thump of long
red cattle-trucks
passing over 
that same pothole.

air-riding snap -
electric fence
at the farm store
tries to shake off
offending leaf.

frenzied beat of
a sparrow's wings.

Bus comes & goes

& comes again.

A wet spring day

beautifully

coldly rhythmic

if only you
stay to listen.

click

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Time Is A Gift

An illusion, you say.
(& lunchtime doubly so)
but just because
it varies with gravity
& only the good atomic clocks
remember all of it
undistorted -
does this
make the illusory unreal
unworthy?

No.

The best gifts of things
take time
(to think of, find, make-)

the best gift of all
is time

for when every moment
of your life
is a gift -

doled out 1 second/second-
time
you did not expect to have
is wrapped in silver paper
& tied with a purple ribbon.

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Route 52A

Driver: 11603

Ticket: - 10785

Fare: CH SGL SV \$1.70

From Stop: 1

To Stop: 2

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$19.60

Time: 07:13

22 Nov 18

** Transfer Expires **

08:13 AM

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Route 2BA

Driver: 11633

Ticket: 10672

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop:1

To Stop:2

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$16.20

Time: 07:18

27 Nov 18

** Transfer Expires **

08:18 AM

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The Stranger

Semantic saturation
merely amusing
maybe slightly annoying
when you know a word

so well
see it
so often

D-O-G no longer conjures up
the panting-laughing
tappy-footed furball,
denizen of wherever
you are trying to go:- but
is a word as foreign as
advante

The other kind of saturation
for which there is no word
when a noun

(person, place, thing...)
you know well

see often
casts off the glamor
of old familiarity

As you see them

as the stranger does
& wonder at the path of your life
that led you to know so well
this odd or sad or terrifying thing
At last, the glamor/never quite

the stranger

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of old familiarity
& you see them
as the stranger does
& wonder at the path of your life
that led you to know so well
this odd or sad or terrifying thing.
Alas, the glamor
never quite returns.

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Route 2

Driver: 10489

Ticket: 609

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop:18

To Stop:17

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$11.10

Time: 18:04

04 Dec 18

** Transfer Expires **

7:04 PM

* Free Transfer Trip *
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In Envy of Peter Pan

I still find joy
in the small tactile things—
sliding down handrails,
doing chemistry dishes
(tipping water messily
from one vessel to another),
the seat at the front
of the bus,
calculating the exact
waiting position
to see the bus coming
in a window over the road,
cut-up apples,
vocal observance of dogs,
stopping to watch
the window-washers,
saying hello to birds.
& here in the castle
nobody minds
if you walk funny
if you look funny
so long as your thinking
is up to scratch.

I don't want to grow up
if growing up means forgetting
the sprinkling of glitter
or just plain wonder
that adorns ordinary things.

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Route 52E

Driver: 11753

Ticket: 14265

Fare: UNI SV \$1.70

From Stop: 39

To Stop: 40

Card: 145045

Credit Left: \$9.40

Time: 10:33

25 Dec 18

** Transfer Expires **

11:33 AM

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'Happy Birth of Your Savior
Day to you too'

Well, when you put it
like that

how can it be other
than a good day?

It is the anniversary
of the beginning
of the end
of the war.

We are all tense today
waiting in silence
for the remembrances
that have grown up
around this day
are many & awesome

& there is
no room
to breathe
but

today is a good day
because today
we remember
that everything
will come to an end.

& you are quite right:
although it is
so often blurred / lost
that is exactly what I mean
when I say
merry Christmas.

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